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- 1. The Friedr. Siemens Werke of Vienna is not a part of the Siemens Works of Germany. When the Siemens organization was broken up during World War II a sister of the family was given the Austrian operations as her share. This is not a very large plant and the equipment at present is in poor condition. Mrs. Siemens died about two years ago and the plant is now managed by Mr. O. Kleibel.
- The plant is a licensed manufacturer of Bolinders absorption refrigerator cabinets for the country of Austria. Practically all of their manufacturing program covers a three cubic foot unit. Present production is 60 per day. The plant has its own enameling division as well as complete welding facilities. The pay of the Austrian plant worker is about 20% less than for similar type workers in Western Germany.
- 3. There is entirely too much hand labor in the assembly of the finished unit. During the Soviet occupation of this area the company did not want to modernize the plant and eliminate the overhead operating expense of the hand labor charges. Mr. Kleibel cited fear and insecurity of the Austrian people during the Soviet regime as the reason. He said an example was the case of six Soviet officers who were billeted next to his living quarters. When the Soviets had control of the area complete harmony was apparently exercised by the officers as well as the householder. However, on the day the officers left the premises to depart from Austria, they proceeded to break up every piece of furniture in the downstairs section of the home. They offered no explanation for their action. However, incidents such as this left a feeling of uncertainty paramount in the minds of the Austrians.
- Now that Austria is free the company desires to purchase modern production machinery and expand the line of refrigeration equipment. They have applied for a manufacturing license for my company's units which would have acceptance in the Austrian market. They are also interested in manufacturing freezer units. The Austrian Government is formulating plans to facilitate the use of frozen food cabinets particularly for farmers. They contemplate granting financing of such units for a five year period at very low interest charges. The production of freezer units (12 cu ft) may run as high as two thousand units per year, but the first year would probably be in the neighborhood of

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